

CLAIMS

1. A combined pet leash and umbrella comprising:
 - a shaft having a handle at one end and a leash coupled to said shaft adjacent an opposite end thereof;
 - a canopy carried by said shaft and secured thereto by a sleeve slidable along the shaft between a canopy opened position and a canopy closed position;
 - said canopy in the opened position having a generally convex surface facing the handle;
 - a plurality of ribs pivotally coupled at one end to said sleeve and at opposite ends to said canopy adjacent margins thereof to support said canopy in the open position;
 - a plurality of struts pivotally connected at one end to said shaft and pivotally connected at opposite ends to said ribs;
 - the struts supporting said ribs in said canopy opened position;
 - and
 - a detent co-operable between said shaft and said hub for releasably maintaining said canopy in the opened position.
2. A combined pet leash and umbrella according to claim 1 wherein said canopy in the opened position has portions adjacent said sleeve lying generally in a horizontal plane, said shaft intersecting said plane at an angle different than 90°.
3. A combined pet leash and umbrella according to claim 1 wherein said canopy in the opened position circumscribes in plan a generally oval shape.

4. A combined pet leash and umbrella according to claim 1 wherein at least a pair of said ribs are unequal in length relative to one another.

5. A combined pet leash and umbrella according to claim 1 wherein at least a pair of said struts are unequal in length relative to one another.

6. A combined pet leash and umbrella according to claim 1 wherein said canopy in the opened position has a generally oval shape having major and minor axes, said shaft and said major axis lying generally in a common plane and wherein the shaft and the major axis form an included angle in said plane in a range of about 30°-60°.

7. A combined pet leash and umbrella according to claim 1 wherein said canopy in the opened position has a generally oval configuration in plan having major and minor axes, said shaft and said major axis lying generally in a common plane with said handle spaced on one side of the minor axis and said opposite end of said shaft lying on an opposite side of said minor axis.

8. A combined pet leash and umbrella according to claim 1 wherein said pivotal connections between said sleeve and said ribs lie in a plane passing through said shaft and wherein said shaft and said plane lie in non-perpendicular relation to one another.

9. A combined pet leash and umbrella according to claim 1 wherein said pivotal connections between said shaft and said struts lie in a plane passing through said shaft and wherein said shaft and said plane lie in non-perpendicular relation to one another.

10. A combined pet leash and umbrella according to claim 1 wherein said pivotal connections between said sleeve and said ribs lie in a first plane passing through said shaft, said pivotal connections between said shaft and said struts lying in a second plane passing through said shaft, said first and second planes lying generally parallel to one another, said shaft and said first and second planes lying in non-perpendicular relation to one another.

11. A combined pet leash and umbrella according to claim 10 wherein at least a pair of said ribs are unequal in length relative to one another, at least a pair of said struts are unequal in length relative to one another, said canopy in the open position having a generally oval shape with major and minor axes, said shaft and said major axes lying generally in a common plane and wherein the shaft and the major axis form an included angle in said common plane less than 90°.

12. A combined pet leash and umbrella according to claim 1 wherein said canopy is formed of a clear plastic material.

13. An umbrella for a pet comprising
a shaft having a handle at one end and a coupling adjacent an opposite end of said shaft enabling attachment of a pet leash;

a canopy carried by said shaft and secured thereto by a sleeve slidable along the shaft between a canopy opened position and a canopy closed position;

said canopy in the opened position having an upper generally convex surface facing the handle and a lower generally concave surface facing the coupling;

a plurality of ribs pivotally coupled at opposite ends to said sleeve and said canopy, respectively;

a plurality of struts pivotally connected at opposite ends to said shaft and said ribs, respectively, and supporting said ribs and said canopy in said canopy opened position; and

a detent co-operable between said shaft and said sleeve for releasably maintaining said canopy in the opened position.

14. An umbrella according to claim 13 wherein said canopy in the opened position has a generally oval shape in plan.

15. An umbrella according to claim 13 wherein at least a pair of said ribs are unequal in length relative to one another.

16. An umbrella according to claim 13 wherein at least a pair of said struts are unequal in length relative to one another.

17. An umbrella according to claim 13 wherein said canopy in the opened position has a generally oval shape having major and minor axes, said shaft and said major axis lying generally in a common plane wherein the shaft and the major axis form an included angle in said plane in a range of about 30°-60°.

18. An umbrella according to claim 13 wherein said canopy in the opened position has a generally oval configuration in plan having major and minor axes, said shaft and said major axis lying generally in a common plane with said handle spaced on one side of the minor axis and said opposite end of said shaft lying on an opposite side of said minor axis.

19. An umbrella according to claim 13 wherein said canopy has a generally circular configuration in plan.